



Crucial Questions for The Mission

why plant a church?

To reach a particular area by being Christ's messengers of the good news of the gospel.

We do that by being relevant in our culture and solid in our theology.

We do that by being Christ's missional agents - intentionally developing relationships with unbelievers.

1. why are you here?

- a. Are you here to just hang out with a bunch of friends or are you also on mission as a missionary to bring the glorious gospel of Christ to the unreached people of Dallas?
- b. Are you here to just be ministered to or are you also here to minister to each other?
- c. Are you here to be a burden or are you here to be a blessing?

2. what are you doing?

- a. Are you currently creating 'missional pathways' in your own context to "make disciples of all people groups?"
- b. Are you stagnant?
- c. Are you seeing every situation as an opportunity to reach people for the glory of Christ or are you sitting on the sidelines?
- d. Are you currently in submission to church leadership or is your heart hard and rebellious towards church leadership?

3. should you be here?

- a. Do you become easily bored with reaching the lost? If you do, check your heart.
Is your trust in Jesus?
- b. Do you spend time in prayer and tears for the unreached of this city?

c. Do you have too much emotional and church baggage to be committed to a core group of a church plant?

d. Do you need to be in an established church so that your spiritual needs will be met easier than they would be here?

church planting costs

- a. In a church plant you will have to center yourself around the good news of Christ.
- b. In a church plant you will have to be strong enough to be future-focused as well as presently active.
- c. In a church plant you will have to drench yourself in God's vision for Dallas in order to persevere.
- d. In a church plant you will have to die to yourself and your own preferences in order to reach out to lost people in need.
- e. In planting a church you will have to be inconvenienced.
- f. In a church plant you will have to deny yourself certain liberties in order to advance the kingdom of God.

are you willing to die so that someone else may live? This is the essence of being a missionary - sacrificial love.

requirements for membership

Attending "Faith Foundations" (working title) - a six week class that explains the foundations of the faith and what it means to be a Christian and a member of The Mission.

Attendance - being at all worship gatherings and community groups. Stints of absence will be grounds for church discipline.

Giving - giving of yourself (finances, gifts, emotions, et cetera) to the vision and ministry of The Mission.

Commitment - being involved in serving, giving, discipling, and other areas of church life.

is this what you want to be a part of?